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SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER PROGRAM AND AFL-CIO CONVENTION

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1. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR ARE ORGANIZING A 30-DAY PROGRAM FOR HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS, COORDINATED WITH ATTENDANCE AT THE BIENNIAL AFL-CIO CONVENTION AT LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER 1977. THIS PROGRAM REFLECTS U.S. POLICY IN AN AREA OF VITAL CONCERN TO US. IT IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF FREE AND INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS IN DEVELOPING NATIONS AND AT SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING INTER ALIA WORKER RIGHTS SUCH AS FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. THE PROGRAM IS FURTHER INTENDED TO
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STRENGTHEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION, UNDERSTANDING AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FOREIGN TRADE UNION LEADERS AND THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS, AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF U.S. SOCIETY, THEREBY FACILITATING MUTUAL DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON TRADE UNION PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IN COMING MONTHS.

2. PROGRAM: THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN WASHINGTON WITH HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR IN MID-NOVEMBER AND AT THE AFL-CIO OF RECENT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS STRUCTURAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS OF UNIONS AND FREE WORLD DEVELOPMENTS. FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON SESSIONS, VISITS TO U.S. UNIONS, INDUSTRY AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF MATTERS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE ORGANIZED. INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED, IF DESIRED. SPECIAL PROGRAMS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER. THE PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE WITH OBSERVATION OF THE 12TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AFL-CIO WHICH TAKES PLACE IN LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER 8-16. AS GUESTS, PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND CONFER WITH CONVENTION DELEGATES AND OTHER VISITORS.

3. PARTICIPATION: TRADE UNION LEADERS LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS NOMINEES FOR CU GRANTS FOR THIS PROJECT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AFL-CIO. IF THE SUGGESTED LEADER IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT, THEN THE POST SHOULD REQUEST HIM TO SUGGEST AN ALTERNATE. IN ANY CASE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE AFL-CIO IF POSTS COULD INDICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THEY INTEND TO

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NOMINATE LEADERS ON THE LIST OR PROPOSE ALTERNATES, SO THAT THE AFL-CIO CAN FORWARD INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF INVITATION AND WELCOME TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS. COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND INFORMATION ON LANGUAGE ABILITY AND ON THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF ALL NOMINEES, ESPECIALLY ALTERNATES TO THOSE ON THE LIST, SHOULD BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PERMIT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT TO DEVISE WORTHWHILE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PROGRAMS. INTERPRETER SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AS NEEDED.

4. COSTS: COSTS WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR 30-DAY IV GRANTS WITH DOLS 45 PER DIEM AND WILL BE CHARGED TO POSTS' FY 1978 GRANT ALLOCATIONS. COST-SHARING IS ENCOURAGED, ESPECIALLY THE PROVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM NON-U.S. SOURCES. IN NOMINATING, POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT CANDIDATES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE SELECTED IN ACCORD WITH APPROPRIATE CU PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND AREA GOALS AS INCORPORATED IN COUNTRY PLANS.

5. ACTION: POSTS SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER OR NOT THEY INTEND TO NOMINATE LEADERS ON THE ABOVE LIST

OR SHOULD PROVIDE THE NAMES, TITLES, AND ESSENTIAL
BIODATA OF ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES NO LATER THAN OCT. 1.

FOR NAIROBI: SINCE JUMA BOY RECEIVED IV GRANT IN FY 76,
HE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR ANOTHER YEAR.
HOWEVER, CONSIDERING HIS POSITION AS MEMBER OF THE AALC
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, POST MAY WISH TO NOMINATE HIM
ANYWAY. IF SO, POST SHOULD PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE
JUSTIFICATION, EXPLAINING HOW SUCH A NOMINATION WILL BE
ADVANTAGEOUS TO COUNTRY OBJECTIVES (SEE FAM 407.2-1 B
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---- UNION UNITY
---- P. O. BOX M386
---- ACCRA, GHANA

GHANA '71 LEADER A. M. ISSIFU, SECRETARY GENERAL
---- GHANA TRADES UNION CONGRESS
---- P. O. BOX 701
---- ACCRA, GHANA

KENYA '76 LEADER THE HONORABLE JUMA BOY, M.P.
---- SECRETARY-GENERAL
---- CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF TRADE
---- UNIONS
---- P. O. BOX 13000
---- NAIROBI, KENYA

LIBERIA AMOS N. GRAY, SECRETARY-GENERAL
---- LIBERIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
---- P. O. BOX 415
---- MONROVIA, LIBERIA

---- FRANK G. WALKER, SECRETARY-
---- GENERAL
---- UNITED WORKERS CONGRESS
---- P. O. BOX 2381
---- MONROVIA, LIBERIA

TANZANIA '61 SPEC. ALFRED TANDAU, SECRETARY-GENERAL
---- NATIONAL UNION OF TANGANYIKA
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